

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - DECEMBER, 1961

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 30th September, 1961 - Metropolitan: Census of 30th June, 1961 -
Males - 377,618 Females - 363,796 Persons - 741,414 Persons - 420,169

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	NOVEMBER				Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER			
	1961		1960		1961		1960	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	424	6.95	461	7.72	4,749	7.04	4,869	7.35
Births	1,312	21.50	1,422	23.81	15,817	23.45	15,728	23.73
Deaths	461	7.55	427	7.15	5,296	7.85	5,239	7.91
Infant Mortality (b)	30	22.87	30	21.10	311	19.66	333	21.17

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.

(b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,794	4,245	20,314	23,035	15,096	28,335	64,585	70,989
Interstate	11,304	11,011	46,018	47,738	3,078	4,632	18,834	15,613
Total:	16,098	15,256	66,332	70,773	18,174	32,967	83,419	86,602

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated	127,311	1,401	1,020,290	718,131
Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued	30,416	1	6,778,724	5,327,765

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	6,938,976	6,970,675	37,534,406	31,264,490
Revenue per Head of Population	9.3	9.5	50.7	43.0
Expenditure	6,909,900	7,474,992	38,369,144	35,610,357
Expenditure per Head of Population	9.3	10.2	51.8	49.0

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of DECEMBER		
	1961	1960	1959
	£	£	£
Total Balances	85,515,601	80,544,758	75,321,205
Per Head of Population	114.8	110.2	104.8

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings					
	July	August	September	October	November	December
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1961	23,080,067	21,592,512	23,229,542	24,614,595	23,763,950	26,855,385
1960	21,655,541	21,671,109	22,713,665	23,826,722	23,976,291	25,473,597

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Transfers	No.	1,787	1,721	10,438	12,569
	£.	2,820,839	3,359,533	18,774,489	21,490,740
Mortgages	No.	1,426	1,233	8,273	8,261
	£.	3,052,272	2,698,255	17,548,580	18,483,260
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,017	1,007	6,308	6,340

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
	£	£	£	£
Taxable Goods -				
Value of sales on which				
Tax is payable (net)	4,265,636	4,522,635	28,125,162	29,257,556
Tax is not payable (gross)	4,143,970	3,874,185	27,463,861	24,650,315
Sales of Exempt goods	8,832,733	11,757,458	68,538,944	74,501,910
Tax collected	599,941	716,412	4,206,030	4,735,052

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Local	No.	34	37	195	247
Nominal Capital	£.	6,142,000	1,928,000	16,378,000	15,288,000
Foreign	No.	38	9	100	92

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Six Months ended DECEMBER					
	1961			1960		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	78	119,560	33,330	61	158,095	60,489
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	55	217,602	183,701	37	113,820	76,791

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

(Operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic, including Railway Road Service).

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1961	1960	1961	1960
Gross Earnings	£. 1,352,300	1,329,500	7,265,100	6,687,050
Operating Expenses	£. 1,337,501	1,317,651	6,724,277	6,581,085
Train Miles Run	No. 636,493	648,369	3,350,646	3,278,570
Motor Bus Miles	No. (a) 116,428	(b) 117,521	(c) 538,425	(d) 547,781
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train	No. 869,541	1,155,635	5,176,913	5,782,933
Motor Bus	No. 19,414	20,465	107,118	113,015
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	398,872	346,638	2,094,863	1,829,987
Livestock	14,304	16,815	67,297	78,809
Departmental (Free Freight)	46,036	36,252	249,358	219,063
Total:	459,212	399,705	2,411,518	2,127,859
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	56,749,556	57,747,220	317,543,104	285,488,733
Livestock	2,115,887	2,273,575	9,760,800	11,083,151
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,489,042	4,065,151	28,597,942	23,858,181
Total:	64,354,485	64,085,946	355,901,846	320,430,065

- (a) Four weeks ended 4th November.
(b) Four weeks ended 5th November.
(c) Period 1st July to 4th November.
(d) Period 1st July to 5th November.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1960 -										
October	847	153	254	3	65	1,321	236	562	5	94
November	869	217	224	4	55	1,336	370	587	5	94
December	517	137	170	1	60	901	284	444	5	88
1961 -										
January	409	106	123	-	67	607	193	327	2	103
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
1961 -								
January	87,687	26,677	563	9,082	133,760	68,933	1,105	12,948
February	87,944	26,641	566	9,052	134,671	69,557	1,220	12,882
March	88,504	26,615	563	9,034	136,141	70,148	1,223	12,999
April	89,144	26,849	562	8,968	136,047	69,615	1,219	12,653
May	89,151	26,774	560	8,810	137,352	70,531	1,229	12,689
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
July	90,859	27,021	568	8,652	137,554	68,717	1,232	12,150
August	91,247	27,028	571	8,602	138,940	69,460	1,233	12,125
September	91,494	27,057	575	8,534	139,975	70,018	1,246	12,143
October	92,403	27,142	575	8,553	140,808	70,113	1,256	12,038
November	92,609	27,131	573	8,509	142,244	71,289	1,259	12,152

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc.(a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961 -										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132
Sept. Qr.	202	611	1,356	4,324	39	590	181	1,609	1,778	7,134

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961 -										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545
Sept. Qr.	1,094	3,798	5	16	333	892	79	65	1,511	4,771

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	Fine oz. £.	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1961	1960	1961	1960
Quantity		74,824	71,256	791,474	790,677
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,169,121	1,113,378	12,366,775	12,354,322
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	237,500	237,500	1,491,526	1,336,394

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1960 - March	118.4	108.0	134.2	107.4	121.2	117.1
June	121.6	109.6	135.6	107.0	123.3	119.0
September	122.9	109.8	137.0	107.4	123.7	119.8
December	122.9	110.8	141.6	107.3	125.6	120.8
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
1959:				1960 (cont.):			
December	141.1	48.2	189.3	December	143.5	51.1	194.6
1960:				1961:			
January	141.1	47.4	188.5	January	142.7	50.0	192.7
February	141.6	48.5	190.1	February	143.2	50.4	193.6
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5
September	143.1	50.2	193.3	September	143.5	49.9	193.4
October	143.2	50.4	193.6	October	142.9	50.2	193.1
November	143.7	50.6	194.3	November	143.8	50.8	194.6

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
January	237	241	232	231	229	234	241
February	240	241	235	233	231	237	241
March	242	240	236	234	233	238	239
April	243	239	234	233	233	237	239
May	242	238	234	230	232	238	237
June	239	235	231	228	229	237	234
July	238	231	229	229	231	237	233
August	239	230	229	229	232	239	236
September	241	233	232	230	233	241	238
October	241	233	232	232	234	241	239
November	243	233	233	231	235	242	240
December	242	232	232	231	235	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
30/10/61	14.	18.	9	11.	4.	1	14.	17.	3
	11.	2.	11	14.	11.	6	10.	18.	8

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
November, 1961	14,600	1,589	135,778	87,059	21,285
November, 1960	12,067	1,372	205,458	93,881	17,427
5 Months ended November, 1961	93,625	7,031	635,001	621,951	114,110
5 Months ended November, 1960	88,218	7,211	783,982	613,067	83,760

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
November, 1961	3,174	74	2,642	1,269	1,120
November, 1960	2,565	64	3,957	1,364	956
5 Months ended November, 1961	20,318	336	12,496	9,013	5,992
5 Months ended November, 1960	19,208	348	15,095	8,815	4,658

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents(a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents(a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
11 Months ended November, 1960	6,519	8,661	2,369	3,354	8,888	12,015	86	179	2,991	4,382
11 Months ended November, 1961	3,816	5,531	2,164	3,186	5,980	8,717	73	155	2,779	4,274
1961 -										
January	291	442	190	277	481	719	6	10	261	396
February	316	442	181	266	497	708	6	12	234	362
March	329	479	215	331	544	810	5	20	272	440
April	335	492	206	297	541	789	11	22	255	398
May	305	455	195	285	500	740	8	13	252	359
June	418	580	195	289	613	869	10	16	247	383
July	413	597	209	288	622	885	4	6	267	381
August	370	539	196	282	566	821	2	10	237	372
September	363	523	177	277	540	800	4	18	236	370
October	362	524	216	310	578	834	10	13	292	442
November	314	458	184	284	498	742	7	15	226	371

(a) Non-casualty accidents from 1956 to 1960 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1960	1961											
		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 6	18. 6	21. 5	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	20. 1	24. 9	26. 5	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	25.11	-	-	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10
- Other	bush.	34. 1	19. 1	21. 1	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	29. 6	18. 9	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 0	25. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	24. 9	22.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 7	16. 2	12. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 4	22.10	14. 8	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 9	28.11	23. 3	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	34. 8
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	5.11	6. 5	9.10	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6
Cauliflowers	dozen	15. 6	-	24. 6	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2
Lettuce	crate	10. 5	15. 3	21. 7	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9
Table Celery	doz. head	11.10	9.11	10. 1	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4
Beetroot	cwt.	65.11	74. 2	92. 8	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3
Carrots	cwt.	19.11	21.10	29. 6	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6
Parsnips	cwt.	44. 2	52. 3	66. 6	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	4. 8	6. 4	11. 7	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1
Swedes	cwt.	22. 2	38. 6	60. 5	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5
Runner Beans	lb.	6	1. 1	1. 7	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10
Peas	lb.	1. 0	1. 5	1. 6	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	6	11	7	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5	7
Pumpkin	bag	47. 6	25. 6	34. 5	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 7	26. 5	27. 0	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	30. 0.0	35. 0.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1960	1961											
	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	3. 2. 8	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0.11	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.17. 5	3. 8. 6	3.11. 0	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.16. 6	3. 3. 2	3. 6. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2. 3. 7	2.10. 4	2.10.11	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3
Wethers													
In Wool	-	-	-	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	2.11. 3	2.19. 2	2.19.11	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	39. 9. 2	36. 6. 3	36.19. 8	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5
Heifers	41. 0. 0	-	-	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cows	49.14. 2	49.10. 6	51.16. 8	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3
Steers	51.12. 3	51.14. 8	53.17. 7	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	55. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6
Bullocks	66. 7. 6	-	-	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11
PIGS													
Slips	6. 6. 8	-	4.16. 9	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-
Porkers	10.19. 7	9.17.11	10. 3.10	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11
Baconers	16. 1. 9	16. 3. 2	15. 5. 5	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	3. 9	-	3. 8	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8
" Cocks	3. 8	3. 1	-	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1
Ducks	3. 6	2. 8	2. 6	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0
Drakes	3. 8	2.10	2. 6	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3
Geese	2. 9	-	1. 7	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 2	-	-	2. 8
Cockerels	3. 0	2.10	2. 9	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0
Capons	3. 2	2.11	2.11	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2
Hens	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1959 - November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,556	1,602	1,011	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,539	2,197	1,463	23,716
February	2,539	1,756	1,102	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,130	2,338	1,547	22,865
March	2,784	2,013	1,248	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,281	2,750	1,808	23,279
April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	32	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	39	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July							Not yet available						(f) 26,782
August							do.						(f) 26,772
September							do.						(f) 26,877
October							do.						(f) 27,448

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food-stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, Stationery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Vehicles, tractors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	33.2	12.5	22.7	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	15.6	7.8	6.7	5.0	23.4	192.6	69.2
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	7.8	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	45.0	18.3
1961	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	46.9	(g)
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	8.8	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	52.1	18.8
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	8.2	3.1	6.2	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	6.5	47.7	15.9
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	8.4	3.3	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	3.9	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	47.8	16.2

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1961(a)	1960(a)	1961(a)	1960(a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	358	237	2,226	2,535
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	8,883	10,767	43,585	49,331
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	126	140	578	701
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,128	2,826	11,632	12,677
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	36,315	39,598	164,311	165,263
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	290	448	1,512	1,884
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 sup. ft.	17,109	18,220	87,872	87,610
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	534	1,216	3,438	5,358
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,373	1,333	3,245	5,155
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	5,925	5,565	23,652	26,823
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	15	17	196	113
- 2 piece	"	1,467	1,798	7,563	8,804
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	12,396	8,149	49,379	36,412
- Work	"	12,248	14,472	62,429	73,697
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	75,707	79,551	316,171	314,895
Slippers	"	11,234	12,753	50,050	56,682
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	559	484	1,777	1,598
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	34,898	29,544	105,165	79,526
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	757	678	3,295	2,976
Butter	"	2,092	2,106	11,630	11,161
Cheese	"	441	396	2,015	1,707
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	28	14	123	141
Sulphuric	"	12,303	14,875	75,103	83,388
Coal	"	87,971	75,210	428,522	415,048
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	90,521	85,794	456,311	433,776
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	113	117	642	656
Mattresses - Soft Filled (d)	number	2,364	2,847	11,465	14,814
Pig Iron	ton	4,018	4,250	21,309	21,945
Superphosphate	"	33,859	42,149	203,464	216,186
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	3,456	3,070	13,261	11,208

- (a) Preliminary figures subject to revision.
 (b) Standard size.
 (c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.
 (d) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge,
 but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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